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## **New law provides funding options for recycling programs**

**LANSING** – Legislation to give local municipalities more options for funding recycling programs was signed into law Monday, announced Sen. Michelle McManus, the bill's sponsor.

“Local governments are in the best position to make decisions on how to fund services like recycling programs,” McManus said. “This bill gives our local communities more options for their recycling efforts by making it possible for them to explore funding options that currently are not available to them.”

Senate Bill 79, now Public Act 69 of 2005, allows local units of government to sponsor a ballot proposal to fund recycling programs. Local voters would then have an opportunity to vote on the additional funding.

“We are very pleased to see Sen. McManus’ bill move forward and become law,” said Trudy Galla, Leelanau County planning director. “This will provide new opportunities for communities like ours to fund new or expanded recycling programs. In fact, we are looking forward to proceeding with our efforts to expand recycling here in Leelanau County thanks to this new law.”

The Leelanau County Solid Waste Council has endorsed the legislation as a solution to its funding dilemma.

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